

6367. Adulteration and misbranding of vinegar. U. S. * * * v. Northern Pickle Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25 and costs.
(F. & D. No. 8364. I. S. No. 22215-m.)

On January 19, 1918, the United States attorney for the Western District of Washington, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Northern Pickle Co., a corporation, Tacoma, Wash., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about March 29, 1917, from the State of Washington into the Territory of Hawaii, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Narada Apple Cider Vinegar, Manufactured by Northern Pickle Company, Tacoma, Wash.," which was adulterated and misbranded.

Examination of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Alcohol (gram per 100 cc)-----	0.07
Glycerol (gram per 100 cc)-----	.18
Solids (grams per 100 cc)-----	1.71
Nonsugar solids (grams per 100 cc)-----	1.09
Reducing sugar as invert after evaporation before inversion (gram per 100 cc)-----	.62
Ash (gram per 100 cc)-----	.24
Acidity as acetic (grams per 100 cc)-----	3.99

Product is apple cider vinegar diluted with water.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in substance in the information for the reason that a substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce or lower and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for cider vinegar, which the article purported to be.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that the statement, to wit, "Apple Cider Vinegar," borne on the labels attached to the bottles regarding the article and the ingredients and substances contained therein, was false and misleading in that it represented that the article consisted wholly of apple cider vinegar; and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it consisted wholly of apple cider vinegar, whereas, in truth and in fact, it did not consist wholly of apple cider vinegar, but consisted of a mixture composed in part of added water.

On April 30, 1918, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*